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the inspector shall file an emergency action notification (PPQ Form 523) with the owner of the fruits or vegetables or an agent of the owner. The owner must, within the time specified in the PPQ Form 523, destroy the fruits and vegetables, ship them to a point outside the United States, move them to an authorized site, and/or apply treatments or other safeguards to the fruits and vegetables as prescribed by an inspector to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States.

(f) *Costs and charges.* The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture will be responsible only for the costs of providing the services of an inspector during regularly assigned hours of duty and at the usual places of duty.¹⁴ The owner of imported fruits or vegetables is responsible for all additional costs of inspection, treatment, movement, storage, or destruction ordered by an inspector under this subpart, including any labor, chemicals, packing materials, or other supplies required. APHIS will not be responsible for any costs or charges, other than those identified in this section.

[60 FR 62320, Dec. 6, 1995, as amended at 68 FR 37922, June 25, 2003]

§ 319.56-7 Inspection of baggage and cargo on the dock.

Inspectors of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are authorized to cooperate with the customs inspectors in the examination of all baggage or other personal belongings of passengers or members of crews of vessels or other carriers whenever such examination is deemed necessary for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of § 319.56 with respect to the entry of any prohibited or restricted fruits or vegetables or plants or portions of plants which may be contained in the baggage or other belongings of such persons.

§ 319.56-8 Territorial applicability.

The regulations in this subpart shall apply with respect to importations into the continental United States, Guam,

¹⁴Provisions relating to costs for other services of an inspector are contained in 7 CFR part 354.

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Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Subpart—Wheat Diseases

§ 319.59 Prohibitions on importation; disposal of articles refused importation.

(a) To prevent the introduction into the United States of foreign strains of flag smut and Karnal bunt, the importation of the articles designated in § 319.59-2(a) and (b) may not be imported into the United States except as provided in § 319.59-2(c).

(b) Any article refused importation in accordance with the requirements of this subpart shall be promptly removed from the United States or destroyed as deemed necessary by an inspector at the expense of the importer, and pending such action shall be subject to the immediate application of such safeguards against escape of injurious plant diseases (including foreign strains of flag smut) and Karnal bunt, injurious insect pests and other plant pests as an inspector determines necessary to prevent the introduction into the United States of such diseases or pests. If the article is not promptly safeguarded, removed from the United States, or destroyed as deemed necessary by an inspector at the expense of the importer, it may be seized, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with section 414 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7714).

[46 FR 54320, Nov. 2, 1981, as amended at 48 FR 46735 Oct. 14, 1983; 63 FR 31101, June 8, 1998; 66 FR 21056, Apr. 27, 2001]

§ 319.59-1 Definitions.

Terms used in the singular form in this subpart shall be construed as the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand. The following terms, when used in this subpart, shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

Deputy Administrator. The Deputy Administrator of Plant Protection and Quarantine, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or any other officer or employee of said Service to whom authority to act in his/her stead has been or may hereafter be delegated.